

linseed oil which hardens over time to provide a peripheral rim of the window pane, thus separating interior and exterior environments and preventing air, moisture and/or heat transfer. The installation is completed once the putty has dried and this usually takes up to 6 hours or so depending on the kind of plasters used.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the microcapsules each comprise a shell that encapsulates at least one expandable gas or volatile expandable agent or an explosive material.

4. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the adhesive agent is selected from the group consisting of urethane, polyurethane, polyvinylchloride and an MS polymer.

5. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoexpandable capsules are microspheres or hollow fibres in the form of a powder.

7. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition is formed at the time of, or shortly before, its use.

9. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, which further includes a fast cure agent or catalyst, whereby the composition is rapidly cured or set.

10. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, which further includes a coloring agent so that the cured composition is black.

11. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the microcapsules encapsulate more than one material.